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July 1 Catfish Inventory

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Commercial catfish operations in Mississippi had 167 million foodsize fish on hand July 1, 2006, up 3 percent from the July 1, 2005, total. Of the total number of foodsize fish, 2.30 million were large foodsize (over 3 pounds per fish), 40.5 million medium foodsize (over 1½ to 3 pounds per fish), and 124 million were small foodsize fish (over ¾ to 1½ pounds per fish). The number of stockers on hand July 1, 2006,

totalled 393 million fish, up 4 percent from a year ago. Of the total number of stockers, 189 million were large (over 180 pounds to 750 pounds per 1,000 fish) and 204 million were small (over 60 pounds to 180 pounds per 1,000 fish). Operators had 1.05 million fingerlings and fry on hand July 1, 2006, up 9 percent from the 962 million on hand July 1, 2005.

All known catfish operators in the four states surveyed were contacted during the first half of July by mail, telephone and personal interview. Data from each operation were compared to their own past operating profile and to trends of similar operations. Data for missing operations were estimated based on similar operations or historical data.

Catfish Production: Water Surface Acre Usage, by State Surveyed, 2005-2006

State	Acres Intended for Utilization During July 1 - December 31 for:					Acres Taken out of Production During Jan 1 - Jun 30
	Foodsize	Fingerlings	Broodfish	Currently Under or Scheduled for-		
				Renovation	New Construction	
2006						
Alabama	21,800	1,200	400	950	330	410
Arkansas	24,500	4,100	560	630	*	940
Louisiana	4,900	600	100	140		730
Mississippi	73,000	17,500	2,800	4,000	200	2,400
Four-State Total	124,200	23,400	3,860	5,720	*	4,480
2005 ¹						
Alabama	21,600	1,100	330	660	95	450
Arkansas	23,500	4,500	570	560	330	670
Louisiana	5,600	1,100	125	670	*	420
Mississippi	76,300	16,000	2,800	3,600	400	4,400
Four-State Total	127,000	22,700	3,825	5,490	*	5,940

* Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

¹ Revised.

Catfish: Inventory by Size Category and State Surveyed, July 1, 2005-2006

State and Size Category	Number of Fish		Live Weight			
			Total		Average Per Fish	
	2005 ¹	2006	2005 ¹	2006	2005	2006
	1,000		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
Large Foodsize						
Alabama	2,300	3,400	8,200	11,700	3.6	3.4
Arkansas	1,350	1,230	5,000	4,500	3.7	3.7
Louisiana	660	195	2,400	670	3.6	3.4
Mississippi	2,900	2,300	9,800	8,000	3.4	3.5
Four-State Total	7,210	7,125	25,400	24,870	3.5	3.5
Medium Foodsize						
Alabama	22,000	18,100	42,900	34,100	2.0	1.9
Arkansas	15,500	13,200	29,700	25,600	1.9	1.9
Louisiana	3,800	1,860	7,200	3,250	1.9	1.7
Mississippi	31,000	40,500	57,000	73,500	1.8	1.8
Four-State Total	72,300	73,660	136,800	136,450	1.9	1.9
Small Foodsize						
Alabama	42,500	47,200	42,400	44,900	1.0	1.0
Arkansas	35,400	34,900	35,900	34,800	1.0	1.0
Louisiana	6,100	3,950	5,450	3,450	0.9	0.9
Mississippi	128,000	124,000	126,000	125,000	1.0	1.0
Four-State Total	212,000	210,050	209,750	208,150	1.0	1.0
Total Foodsize						
Alabama	66,800	68,700	93,500	90,700	1.4	1.3
Arkansas	52,250	49,330	70,600	64,900	1.4	1.3
Louisiana	10,560	6,005	15,050	7,370	1.4	1.2
Mississippi	161,900	166,800	192,800	206,500	1.2	1.2
Four-State Total	291,510	290,835	371,950	369,470	1.3	1.3
Broodfish						
Alabama	100	80	460	360	4.6	4.5
Arkansas	120	130	580	590	4.8	4.5
Louisiana	29	20	115	100	4.0	5.0
Mississippi	780	700	3,700	3,300	4.7	4.7
Four-State Total	1,029	930	4,855	4,350	4.7	4.7

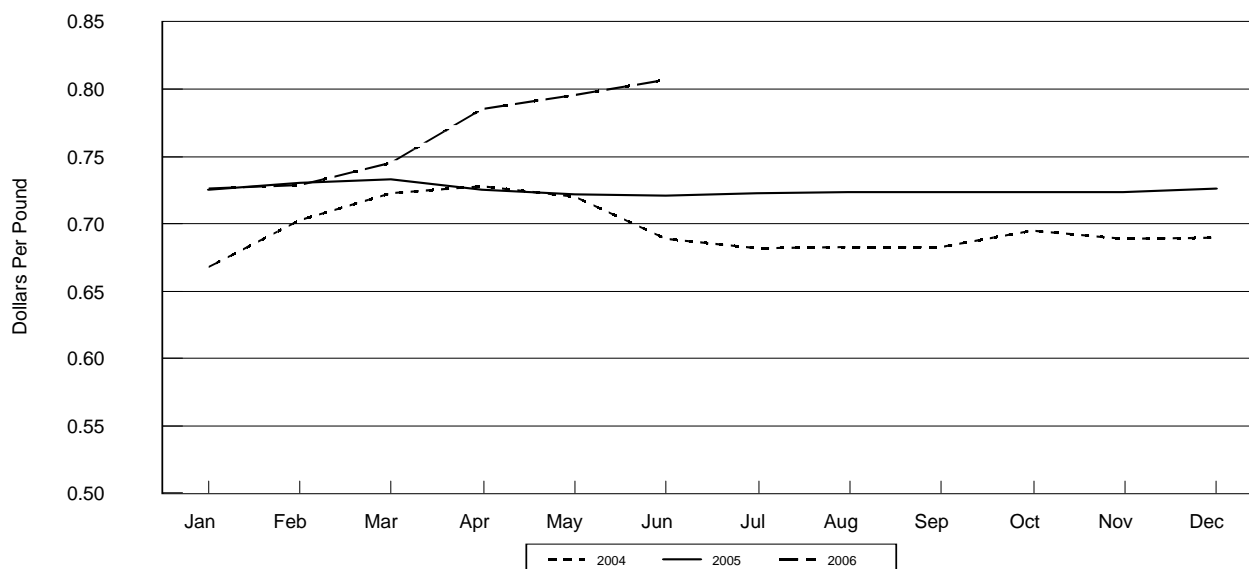
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Catfish: Inventory by Size Category and State Surveyed, July 1, 2005-2006—Cont

State and Size Category	Number of Fish		Live Weight			
			Total		Average Per 1,000 Fish	
	2005	2006	2005 ¹	2006	2005 ¹	2006
	1,000		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
Large Stockers						
Alabama	56,800	72,100	19,600	26,900	345	373
Arkansas	32,400	37,500	13,900	12,000	429	320
Louisiana	3,960	2,290	1,480	1,140	374	498
Mississippi	182,000	189,000	77,000	76,600	423	405
Four-State Total	275,160	300,890	111,980	116,640	407	388
Small Stockers						
Alabama	64,500	67,700	7,500	7,000	116	103
Arkansas	34,900	60,700	3,540	5,830	101	96.0
Louisiana	6,820	3,420	720	315	106	92.1
Mississippi	197,000	204,000	19,000	19,700	96.4	96.6
Four-State Total	303,220	335,820	30,760	32,845	101	97.8
Fingerlings and Fry						
Alabama	48,000	74,000	900	1,100	18.8	14.9
Arkansas	342,000	299,000	3,600	5,000	10.5	16.7
Louisiana	98,000	34,100	484	277	4.9	8.1
Mississippi	962,000	1,050,000	10,500	16,800	10.9	16.0
Four-State Total	1,450,000	1,457,000	15,484	23,177	10.7	15.9

¹ Revised.

Catfish: Prices Paid to Producers by Processors, United States, by Month, 2004-2006



**Catfish: Number of Operations, and Water Surface Acres Used for
Production, by State Surveyed, 2005-2006**

State	Number of Operations on July 1		Water Surface Acres Used for Production During July 1-December 31	
	2005	2006	2005 ¹	2006
	Number		Acres	
Alabama	210	217	23,700	24,300
Arkansas	124	132	29,000	30,000
Louisiana	32	24	6,900	5,700
Mississippi	400	380	98,000	96,000
Four-State Total	766	753	157,600	156,000

¹ Revised.